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For: BLOOD PUMP HAVING A DISPOSABLE BLOOD PASSAGE  
CARTRIDGE WITH INTEGRATED PRESSURE SENSORS

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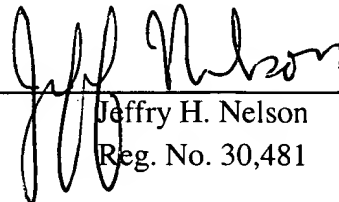
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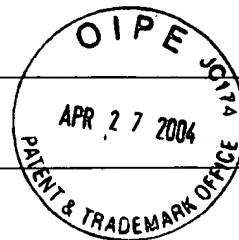
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